GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS
LOK SABHA

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:731
ANSWERED ON:28.07.2005
WASTAGE OF MONEY OF OIL PSUs
Jai Prakash Shri ;Mehta Shri Bhubneshwar Prasad

Will the Minister of PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Planning Commission in its mid-term review of Tenth Plan has pointed out that the public sector oil companies are deviating from their objectives and wasting public money in the name of competition;

(b) if so, the facts thereof;

(c) the steps taken by the Government to check wastage of public money by the public sector oil companies; and

(d) the investment made by each public sector oil company abroad till March 31, 2005?

Answer

MINISTER OF PETROLEUM & NATURAL GAS AND PANCHAYATI RAJ (SHRI MANI SHANKAR AIYAR)

(a) to (d) : A Statement is laid on the Table of the House.

Statement referred to in reply to Parts (a) to (d) of Lok Sabha Unstarred Question No. 731 to be answered on 28.07.05 regarding Wastage of Money of Oil PSUs asked by Shri Bhubneshwar Prasad Mehta and Shri Jai Prakash (Mohanlal Ganj)

(a) to (b): The Planning Commission in its Mid Term Review of the Tenth Plan have, inter-alia, stated that Oil Public Sector Undertakings (PSUs) are competing with one another leading to sub-optimal investments, and that there is a need to review the investment programme of each Oil PSU and take an integrated view of the sector as a whole to optimally invest public funds.

(c) : Oil PSUs take investment decisions based on their business and commercial considerations from out of their own internal resources. However, apart from approving their Annual Plan Outlays, the Government also intervenes wherever considered necessary with a view to avoiding unhealthy competition between them and ensuring optimal investments in the sector as a whole.

(d) : The details of investment made by Oil PSUs abroad till 31st March 2005 are as under :

S. No.	Name of the Oil PSU	Cumulative investment till 31.3.2005 (Rs. in Crore)
1.	ONGC + OVL	14017.11
2.	Balmer Lawrie & Co. Ltd.	27.65
3.	Engineers India Ltd.	0.03
4.	Indian Oil Corporation Ltd.	237.17
5.	Oil India Ltd.	133.36
6.	Hindustan Petroleum Corporation Ltd.	0.73
7	GAIL (I) Ltd.	267.00